

# TRANSMITTAL OF UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION FOR FILING

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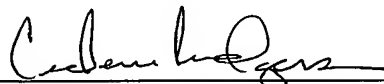
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Transmitted herewith for filing is the utility patent application of inventor(s): **MICHAEL E. ADAMS** and entitled:

## SELF-LOCKING PIVOTAL CONNECTOR COMBINATION

### 1. Type Of Application

This application is:

- ☐ an original (nonprovisional) application.
- ☐ a divisional of prior application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☒ a continuation of prior application Serial No. **10/200,559**, filed **July 22, 2002**, which is a continuation of Serial No. **09/607,129**, filed **June 29, 2000**, which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. **09/350,835**, filed **July 9, 1999**, now U.S. Patent No. **6,454,233**, issued **September 24, 2002**.
- ☐ a continuation-in-part of prior application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_.

☒ The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

☒ Additional prior application information: Examiner Gwendolyn Baxter, Group Art Unit: 3632.

### 2. Enclosed Application Elements are:

- ☒ A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter,
- ☒ specification (including claims and abstract) containing pages 1-42,
- ☒ drawings: ☒ 1 copy of eight (8) sheet(s) of formal drawings (Figs. 1-22), **OR**  
☐ 1 copy of \_\_\_\_\_ sheets of informal drawings.
- ☐ an executed declaration or oath for the utility patent application including a power of attorney, **OR**
- ☐ an unexecuted declaration or oath for the utility patent application including a power of attorney, **OR**
- ☒ a copy of an executed declaration or oath including power of attorney from a priority application,
- ☐ statement deleting inventor(s) named in the priority application
- ☐ Microfiche Computer Program
- ☐ nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence
  - a. ☐ computer readable copy
  - b. ☐ paper copy
  - c. ☐ statement verifying above copies

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## 3. Enclosed Accompanying Application Parts are:

- ☒ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Claim cancellations are indicated in Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ One itemized, stamped, and self-addressed postcard for the PTO Mail Room date stamp.
- ☐ English translation document
- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status, See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement including Form PTO-1449 and copies of the citations therein.

## 4. Filing Fees (as calculated below)

	(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)		
For:	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Fee
Basic Fee				\$ 750
Total Claims	28 — 20	= 8	x \$ 18 =	\$ 144
Independent Claims	6 — 3	= 3	x \$ 84 =	\$ 252
Multiple Dependent Claim Presented (if applicable)			+ \$280 =	\$ 0
Subtotal				\$1,146
Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity				\$ 573
TOTAL				\$ 573

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- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- ☒ A check to cover the filing fee will be submitted in Response to the Notice of Missing Parts.

## REVOCATION OF PRIOR AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

- ☒ Applicant hereby revokes the general authorization to pay fees filed in the prior nonprovisional application(s) of which this is a continuation.
- ☐ The Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of the following amounts associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_:
- ☐ Additional filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 or deficiencies in remittances therefor.
- ☐ Additional processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17 or deficiencies in remittances therefor.
- ☐ **ONLY if applicant has partially paid** the patent issue fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.18, then the **deficiency** shall be charged to Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_, and the Commissioner is authorized to so charge the Deposit Account.
- ☐ The Commissioner is hereby generally authorized under 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3) to treat any future reply in this or any related application filed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53 requiring an extension of time as incorporating a request therefor, and the Commissioner is hereby specifically authorized to charge Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ for any fee that may be due in connection with such a request for an extension of time.

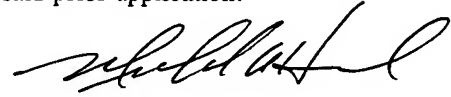
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**5. Abandonment of Prior Application**

X Please abandon the prior application at a time while the prior application is pending, and when this application is granted a filing date, so as to make this application copending with said prior application.

Date: August 6, 2003

Attorney's Signature



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